

McElwee Building
208 8th Street (Main Street)
Marlinton
Pocahontas County
West Virginia

HABS No. WV-234

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE WEST VIRGINIA	COUNTY POCAHONTAS	TOWN OR VICINITY MARLINTON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) McELWEE BUILDING (POCAHONTAS COUNTY HISTORY) pub. 1981		HABS NO. WV - 234
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE SAME		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 208 8th Street (Main Street), Marlinton, WV 24954		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Approx. 1909 (Pocahontas County Land Books)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Locally significance example of 2 story commercial structure. Good example of historic storefront with existing architectural elements. Series of historic uses outlined on attachment.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Commercial.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood framing covered with pressed metal siding.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Commercial 1st floor, residential 2nd floor. See Attached Plans.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Intact storefront. Rear staircase from 2nd floor to ground, covered for protection from weather. Associated brick and terra cotta tile outbuilding on southeast corner of lot, gable roof, metal roofing.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See attached plans. Highly altered. Traces of lath and plaster walls & ceilings, 4 panel wood doors, stove flues in walls.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Probable addition in southwest corner of building. This may indicate that rear staircase is an addition. Clad pressed metal siding probably an early alteration. Note closed off center door, 2nd floor front.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Deplorable. Not in use due to flood damage.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE To be demolished by town in 1988, due to floor damage.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Pocahontas County History, Pocahontas County Land Books		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION DeEtta King Hunter, Project Director. Edited by Tina Van Dyke, NPS, MARO.		DATE July 26, 1988

McELWEE'S STORE BUILDING

The date that this building was erected is somewhat vague. From the land books we know that it was a residence in 1909 for Mr and Mrs. F. H. Kincaid and sold in that year to S. B. Yeager. From 1919-1920, Mr. Odie Johnson operated a restaurant in the building. May's Restaurant operated after that for a short period of time. Mrs. Annabelle McElwee moved into the upstairs apartment shortly thereafter as her son was born there in 1938. For approximately five years Mrs. McElwee operated McQueen's Store a general merchandise business for a Spurgeon McQueen of Lewisburg. In 1940, Mrs. McElwee's parents, the Wooddells, obtained title to the property and Mrs. McElwee operated a store for approximately 25 years. She then rented the building to the Southern Baptist Church for a period of time. The building was also used as a jewelry store by Mrs. McElwee's brothers. At the time of the flood, Mr. Tom Taylor was operating a produce store in the building, but did not reopen after the flood. Mrs. McElwee continued to live upstairs throughout the changes.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

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Site:

As previously stated, the Subject site is designated on the map of the Town of Marlinton as lot 6, Block 34. Said lot fronts 8th Street (WV Rt. 39) 24 feet, and extends back with an alley along the western side 120 feet, and along the eastern side with Lot No. 7 120 feet to an alley, bordering thereon 24 feet. The lot is rectangular in shape and contains 2880 sq.ft.

This site is in the heart of downtown Marlinton, and 1/2 block from the 100% (busiest) corner, in the downtown area.

Public utilities including water, sewer, electricity and telephone are on site.

Improvements:

Situate on the above described site is a 2 story structure with unoccupied retail space on the 1st floor and living quarters on the second floor.

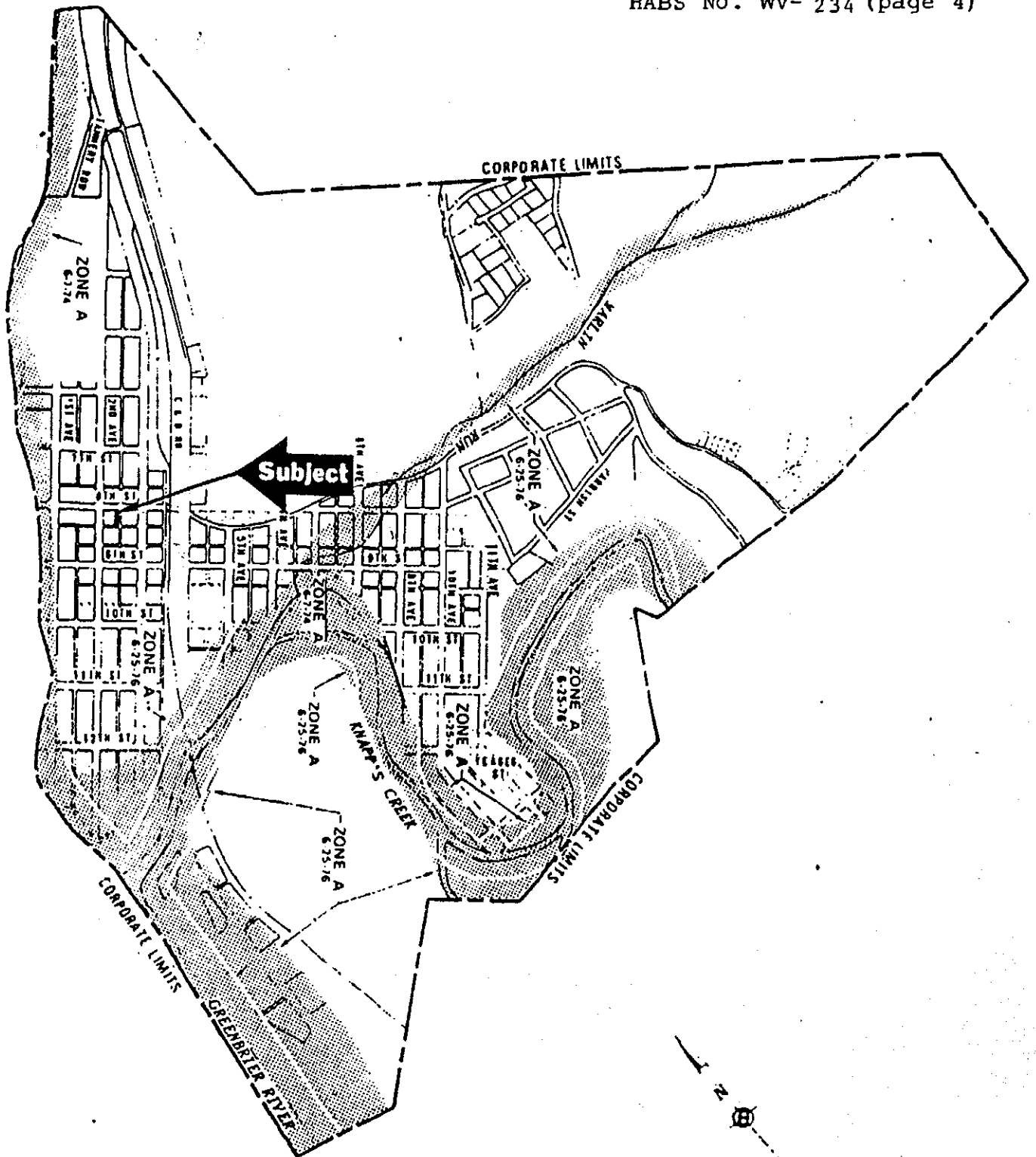
By actual field measurements the structure, on the main floor is 21'2" X 50'2" plus a 6'2" X 6'2" offset, and contains 1099 rnd, sq.ft., the second floor measures 21'2" X 50'2", and contains 1061 rnd, sq.ft. for a total of 2160 sq.ft. on both floors.

The exterior of the building is embossed tin, the interior varies from paneling to, gypsum board, to plaster.

There is no central heat in the building, i.e. 2 electric heaters on the main floor, and a wood stove on the 2nd floor. Energy efficiency is poor, all the plumbing is suspect, functionally the building is obsolete and the cost to cure prohibitive.

To the rear of the main structure is a 288 sq.ft. auxiliary building of no significant value.

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ALLEY

LOT
6
BLOCK 34

120'

24'



8TH STREET - WV RT 39

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